

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed September 7, 2005 has been carefully considered.

Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that the Patent Office acknowledge the Information Disclosure Statements as filed with the U.S. Patent Office on July 29, 2004. We are providing clean copies of the IDS as filed as well as paper copies of each non-patent publication.

Conclusion

It is believed that this response places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this response is earnestly solicited.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,

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